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A.—(*a*) The re-survey is nearly finished. The Government understand that rough pattas have been issued for 97 out of 114 villages.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have called for information and will take necessary action on receipt of the information.

Tours

Tours of the hon. the Minister for Public Health.

*1337 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased (i) to place before the House a statement of the tours made by him and the cost of each up to the 31st December 1928, and (ii) to state—

(*a*) the object of each tour ;

(*b*) whether the places visited had not been seen by the hon. Minister before ;

(*c*) whether a personal visit and inspection was absolutely necessary ; and

(*d*) whether a report from the head of the department concerned was not found sufficient as to the requirements of the several places or institutions visited by him ?

A.—(i) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 301, dated 8th September 1928. Subsequently several places in Chittoor, Madura, Ramnad, South Arcot, Tanjore and Tinnevelly districts were visited. The cost of the tours from 1st April 1928 to 31st December 1928 as reported by the Accountant-General, Madras, is Rs. 5,148–12–3.

(ii) (*a*) During the public tours, inspections, interviews and addresses in connexion with the Departments of Government, particularly of those in his charge.

(*b*) Some had been seen before and some not.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether in his tours the hon. Minister does any propaganda work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not understand what he means by propaganda work."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether he uses his tours for the purpose of strengthening his party and influence ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" So far it has not been done."

Water-supply

Rural water-supply in Kurnool district.

*1338 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state in regard to rural water-supply in the Kurnool district—

(*a*) whether the Government intend to keep to the five-year programme drawn up in 1927–28 ;